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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The circular was issued in the interests of the discipline of the force.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (*a*), may I know whether the Commissioner of Police had any definite information that such attempts or incitements were being made or was it merely a rumour or suspicion ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" He has acted on definite information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the nature of the information, especially with regard to the sources of these incitements ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice, Sir."

Alleged insult to Muslim preachers at Guruvayur by the Police.

*1284 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Khan Bahadur Ammu Sahib, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Palghat, disallowed Muslim preachers, Moulvi and Hydras to preach on Islam and insulted them at a large public gathering during the last Ekadasi festival at Guruvayur ;

(*b*) whether at the same time and place the representatives of Christianity were permitted to preach their religion ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to hold any enquiry into the matter, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information ; they have called for a report from the Inspector-General of Police.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, may I ask whether the Government have since received the report ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Total strength and cost of Police.

*1285 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total strength of the police, the cost of maintaining them, the number of cognizable cases dealt and the number of convictions in the following years :—

(i) 1907,

(ii) 1916,

(iii) 1926, and

(*b*) why more hands were employed when crime has decreased ?